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During the Franco-Prussian war Clara Barton went to the Battlefront to help the Red Cross workers care for the wounded. She went home in 1873.

She talked to the Pres. of the U.S. and others.

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In 1873, Alexander Graham Bell was asked to become a professor at Boston U.

A wealthy business man named Sanders agreed to back Alexander's ideas about a telegraph. Tata Hubbard also agreed to help.

Now Bell began a double life. During day he held classes at Boston U. At

night he worked on telegraph. He had his instruments built in a machine shop where one of the most highly skilled was a young man named Thomas Watson, Bill persuaded Watson to help him work out his ideas